

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently amended) A user interface for displaying information database
2 classifiers organized with multiple hierarchy levels, the user interface comprising:
3 a root node navigation bar representing ~~the~~ a root hierarchy level of the multiple
4 hierarchy levels; and
5 multiple sub-node navigation bars stacked below the root node navigation bar, each sub-
6 node navigation bar representing a sub-node from a selected level of the multiple hierarchy
7 levels, wherein multiple sub-nodes represent database classifiers of database objects and a
8 plurality sub-nodes in the multiple hierarchy levels represent the same database classifier
9 representing the same database object;
10 wherein the sub-node navigation bars display sub-nodes on the path from the root
11 hierarchy level to the one or more sub-nodes having the lowest selected hierarchy level and
12 wherein the user interface hides siblings of the displayed sub-nodes for the hierarchy levels
13 between the root level and the hierarchy level of the one or more sub-nodes having the lowest
14 selected hierarchy level.

1 2. (Original) The user interface of Claim 1 further comprising:
2 information associated with a sub-node, the sub-node having the lowest selected
3 hierarchy level.

1 3. (Original) The user interface of Claim 2 wherein the hierarchy levels
2 represent non-homogeneous classifiers of the information and wherein the information
3 associated with the sub-node having the lowest selected hierarchy level has one or more
4 homogeneous attributes, the user interface further comprising one or more tabs associated with
5 the one or more attributes of the information, each tab operable to select display of information
6 having an attribute associated with the tab.

1 4. (Original) The user interface of Claim 1 wherein one or more of the
2 navigation bars is operable to select display of labels for nodes from the root node to sub-nodes
3 having a hierarchy level one level lower than the node associated with the selected navigation
4 bar.

1 5. (Original) The user interface of Claim 1 implemented with one of Win32,
2 JavaSwing or DHTML.

1 6. (Original) The user interface of Claim 1 presented through a browser.

1 7. (Original) The user interface of Claim 6 wherein the browser is populated
2 using XML data islands.

1 8. (Original) The user interface of Claim 1 further comprising an activation icon
2 associated with a navigation bar, the activation icon operable to display the hierarchy level
3 associated with the sub-node of the navigation bar.

1 9. (Original) The system of Claim 8 wherein the activation icon is further
2 operable to display sub-nodes of the activated icon.

1 10. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 8 wherein the activation icon is
2 further operable to hide sibling nodes of ~~teh~~ the activated icon.

1 11. (Currently amended) A method for presenting ~~information~~ database classifiers
2 organized by hierarchy levels, the method comprising:
3 displaying a first hierarchy level having a first hierarchy database classifier label;
4 displaying a second hierarchy level having multiple second hierarchy database classifier
5 labels;
6 activating one of the second hierarchy database classifier labels;
7 displaying information associated with the activated database classifier label or a third
8 hierarchy level having multiple third hierarchy database classifier labels; and
9 hiding display of the unactivated second hierarchy database classifier labels;
10 wherein multiple database classifier labels represent database objects and a plurality of
11 database classifier labels in multiple hierarchy branches are the same database classifier label
12 representing the same database object.

1 12. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein activation of the second
2 hierarchy label displays information associated with the activated label, the information indexed
3 according to one or more attributes, the method further comprising:

4 displaying multiple index tabs proximate to the information, each index tab associated
5 with one or more of the attributes;
6 activating one of the multiple index tabs; and
7 displaying the information associated with the one or more attributes of the activated
8 index tab.

1 13. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein one or more of the displayed
2 hierarchy levels are stacked as navigation bars in order from a root level to a lowest hierarchy
3 level.

1 14. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the displayed information is
2 stacked below the lowest hierarchy level.

1 15. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein activation of the second
2 hierarchy label displays the third hierarchy level having multiple third hierarchy labels, the
3 method further comprising:
4 displaying an activation icon associated with the first hierarchy label, the activation icon
5 operable to remove the multiple third hierarchy labels and to display the multiple second
6 hierarchy labels.

1 16. (Original) The method of Claim 12 further comprising:
2 displaying an activation icon;
3 activating the activation icon;
4 removing the multiple third hierarchy labels; and
5 displaying the multiple second hierarchy labels.

1 17. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein the hierarchy levels are displayed
2 as a stacked box metaphor.

1 18. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:
2 a database having information classified by non-homogeneous classifiers organized as a
3 root node and multiple sub-nodes;
4 a display operable to present a user interface;

5 a control interfaced with the database and the display, the control operable to generate a
6 user interface for presentation on the display, the user interface having the root node and
7 predetermined sub-nodes stacked from highest to lowest hierarchy levels, the user interface
8 further operable to hide predetermined sub-nodes that are not relevant to the sub-node having the
9 lowest hierarchy level, wherein multiple sub-nodes represent database classifiers of database
10 objects and a plurality of sub-nodes in the multiple hierarchy levels are the same database
11 classifier representing the same database object.

1 19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, the user interface further having
2 predetermined information stacked below the sub-node having the lowest hierarchy level, the
3 predetermined information associated with the sub-node having the lowest hierarchy level.

1 20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein the information is
2 further indexed by an attribute, the user interface further having multiple index tabs associated
3 with the information and operable to display information having the attribute.

1 21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 20, the user interface further having
2 a scroll bar associated with the information and operable to scroll through the information
3 without affecting the presentation of the stacked nodes.

1 22. (Currently amended) A program product for displaying hierarchy levels of
2 database classifiers that organize ~~information~~ the database classifiers with multiple nodes, the
3 program product comprising:
4 a storage medium that stores computer readable instructions; and
5 instructions stored on the storage medium, the instructions operable to command a
6 computer to display selected nodes from first, second or third hierarchy levels, the instructions
7 selecting for display the nodes of the first and second hierarchy levels display only the nodes of
8 the first and second hierarchy levels on a traversed path to the third hierarchy level, wherein
9 multiple nodes represent database classifiers of database objects and a plurality nodes in the
10 hierarchy levels represent the same database classifier representing the same database object.

1 23. (Original) The program product of Claim 22 wherein the first hierarchy level
2 comprises the root node.

1 24. (Original) The program product of Claim 22 wherein the second hierarchy
2 level comprises multiple nodes, the instructions commanding the computer to display the one of
3 the multiple nodes of the second hierarchy level on the traversed path to the third hierarchy level
4 and to hide the sibling nodes of the displayed node.

1 25. (Original) The program product of Claim 22 wherein the third hierarchy level
2 comprises information associated with a selected one of the nodes of the second hierarchy level.

1 26. (Original) The program product of Claim 25 further comprising multiple
2 indices that organize the information of the third hierarchy level according to one or more
3 attributes.

1 27. (Original) The program product of Claim 22 wherein the third hierarchy level
2 comprises multiple nodes, the instructions further operable to accept a selection of one of the
3 multiple nodes of the third hierarchy level and to hide the sibling nodes of the selected third
4 hierarchy level node.

1 28. (Currently amended) An electronic display of ~~data~~ database classifiers organized
2 with multiple hierarchy levels, the electronic display comprising:

3 a visual representation of a tree data structure having a root node and multiple descendant
4 nodes; and

5 a visual representation of an index of data associated with a selected descendant node;
6 wherein the visual representation of the tree data structure displays the descendant nodes
7 on the traversed path from the root node to the selected descendant node and conceals siblings of
8 the descendant nodes on the traversed path; and

9 wherein multiple descendant nodes represent database classifiers of database objects and
10 a plurality descendant nodes in the multiple hierarchy levels represent the same database
11 classifier representing the same database object.

1 29. Canceled.

1 30. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 29 wherein the descendant nodes
2 on the traversed path are selectable to display child nodes of the selected node.

1 31. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 29 wherein the descendant nodes
2 on the traversed path are selectable to display sibling nodes of the selected node.

1 32. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 28 wherein the index comprises a
2 visual representation of data.

1 33. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 32 wherein the data nodes
2 represent non-homogeneous classifiers and the index represents a homogeneous attribute.

1 34. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 32 wherein the data is organized
2 according to one or more attributes.

1 35. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 34 wherein the data is represented
2 by tabs associated with the one or more attributes.

1 36. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 35 wherein selection of a tab
2 displays data associated with the tab and conceals other data associated with the selected
3 descendant node.

1 37. (Original) The electronic display of Claim 28 wherein the root node and
2 descendent nodes are stacked in hierarchy level order.

1 38. (Currently amended). A combination tree data structure and index capable of
2 electronic visual display of ~~information~~ database classifiers organized by hierarchy levels, the
3 combination tree data structure and index comprising:

4 a tree data structure having one or more nodes associated with each hierarchy level; and
5 an index of selected information associated with a selected one of the nodes, the index
6 having a plurality of indices, each ~~index~~ of the plurality of indices capable of displaying
7 predetermined parts of the selected information,

8 wherein the siblings of the selected node and the siblings of the ancestors of the selected
9 node are not displayed; and

10 wherein multiple sibling nodes represent database classifiers of database objects and a
11 plurality of sibling nodes in the hierarchy levels represent the same database classifier
12 representing the same database object.

1 39. (Canceled).

1 40. (Original) The combination tree data structure and index of Claim 38 wherein
2 each indice is represented by a tab.

1 41. (Original) The combination tree data structure and index of Claim 38 wherein
2 the hierarchy levels correspond to non-homogeneous classifiers of the information.

1 42. (Original) The combination tree data structure and index of Claim 38 wherein
2 the indices correspond to one or more homogeneous attributes of the information.

1 43. (Currently amended) A method of electronically displaying ~~information~~ database
2 classifiers organized by hierarchy levels, the method comprising:
3 displaying a tree structure having a plurality of nodes representing database classifiers;
4 selecting a node;~~and~~
5 displaying the tree structure with only the selected node and the direct ancestors of the
6 selected node; and
7 displaying an index associated with the selected node, the index having a plurality of
8 indices, each ~~indice~~ of the plurality of indices having associated information representing a
9 database object;
10 wherein multiple sibling nodes represent database classifiers of database objects and a
11 plurality of sibling nodes in the hierarchy levels represent the same database classifier
12 representing the same database object.

1 44. (Original) The method of Claim 43 further comprising:
2 displaying the tree structure with only the selected node and the direct ancestors of the
3 selected node.

1 45. (Original) The method of Claim 44 wherein the tree structure is displayed as
2 a stacked box metaphor.

1 46. (Original) The method of Claim 45 further comprising:
2 collapsing a node of the stacked box metaphor; and

3 displaying the tree structure with the collapsed node, the children of the collapsed node
4 and the direct ancestors of the collapsed node.

1 47. (Original) The method of Claim 43 wherein the nodes represent non-
2 homogeneous classifiers and the index represents homogeneous attributes.